

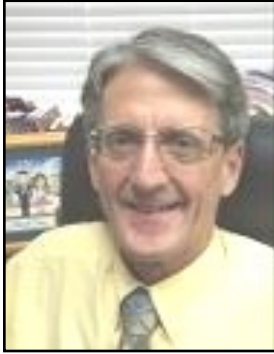
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# WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF  
 WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 6, 2022

*A place for faith and fellowship with family and friends.*



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

How do you get stronger in any area of life? Through resistance. Using it to work for you instead of against you. This means exercise. Physical, mental, or spiritual. It makes you stronger.

On the other hand, what happens if you do not exercise or if there is no resistance? You get weaker. Every time.

For example, astronauts who spend a lot of time in space have to cope with less gravity. Less gravity means less resistance. Muscles don't work as hard. They weaken. Many astronauts suffer from the effects of low gravity long after they get back to earth.

Following Jesus can result in you getting resistance from the world. If you live out Jesus' teachings, it causes you to stand out. It could make others uncomfortable. Some may ignore you. Others may question you or even be hostile to you.

You may find this resistance hurtful or offensive. Instead, try to think of it as resistance that can strengthen you. Allow it to launch you to new heights.

The Apostle Paul was an expert on this subject. He said, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." (II Cor. 4:8-9)

*Love, Pastor Mike*

## IMPORTANT DATES

*Reading the Bible Through  
 3-21-22 to 3-20-23*

**Wed. Fellowship Meal  
 Dec. 7**

**Christmas Dinner  
 Wed. Dec. 14, 5:30pm**

**Christmas Cantata  
 Sun. Dec. 18, 6:30pm**

**Supper & Christmas  
 Caroling  
 Wed. Dec. 21, 6pm**

**Candlelight  
 Communion  
 Sat. Dec. 24, 11pm**

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## DEACONS 2021-22

John Mark Adrian	328-5564
Gil Blackburn	328-0046
Jeff Cantrell	275-9427
Jim Collie	393-1710
Jorge Hersel	594-9077
Butch Hutchinson	393-5008
Stan Kunigelis	870-2227
David Mullins	870-0005
John Ponish	870-1593

Deacon Emeritus:  
 Bob Adkins

### How to Join Wise Baptist Church:

*Express one of the following to the Pastor during the closing hymn:*

- † **Transfer of Letter**    Transfer membership to Wise Baptist Church
- † **Baptism**                Desire to express faith in Christ through baptism
- † **Statement of Faith**    Baptized believer not on a membership roll
- † **Watch Care**            Desire to be connected to our Church family without official membership

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Many many thanks to all of the folks who helped make Night in Bethlehem a reality this past Saturday!*

*Over 100 guest were greeted by shepherds outside by the firepits! The Village Photography was a popular site, once folks paid their taxes and registered for the census at the City Gates.*

*There were lots of smiles and excitement as visitors made cinnamon flatbread in the Bethlehem Bakery and learned to write Jesus' name in Hebrew at the Scribes' Tent. Wooden picture frames were hammered together at the Carpentry Shop, and visitors tasted honey and learned about beekeeping at the Apiary. Angels could be heard singing above as Mary & Joseph told about the wonder of Jesus' birth at the stable. Visitors to Bethlehem painted wooden ornaments at the Painter's Hut and created clay bowls & ornaments at the Pottery Shed.*

*\*Lots of photos will be coming in future newsletters!*



*As you pray, please remember...*



Pat Boggs, Harold Stallard, Carlie & Lloyd Tomlinson & Family, Mike & Rebecca Osborne & Family, Family of Trevor Easterling, Wendy Adrian & Family, Jerry Baird & Family, Paula Coffey, David Dykes (nephew of Beth Snodgrass), Ella Stewart, Butch Hutchinson, Mike Smith's sister Lynn, Wesley Kennedy, Artie Bailey, Sandy Yun, Adele Plester (Brenda Kunigelis' sister-in-law), Roger Viers & family, Jim & June Dotson, Lorna Wherry & family, (sister of Brenda Kunigelis), Natalie Luther, Lewey Lee & family, Cooper Carlson, Russell, Miles & Mason Wampler, Lois Stallard, Brenda Lee, Phyllis Hatcher, Bessie Vance, Seth Harding, Beth Snodgrass, Ray Jones & family, Don & Gigi Pippin, Kathy & John Kennedy, John & Kay Wright, doctors, nurses & all medical/pharmaceutical personnel, law enforcement & emergency personnel, all the cancer patients in our area, and our men & women in the military.

**Our Shut Ins:** Andrew Johnson (Cyndi Newlon's dad) - Lakeland, FL, Jeanne Stallard

**\*If you know of other prayer concerns, please contact the church office (328-6247).**



**Scripture for the Week:**

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

**"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."**

### FREE COVID TEST KITS

Free test kits, masks & hand sanitizers can be found in the church foyer, the hall by the offices & the fellowship hall. Many thanks to the Health Wagon for providing these!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# WEDNESDAY Night



RECHARGE

December 7...

6:00 pm - Fellowship Meal  
(soups, salad)

7:00 pm - Bible Study (sanctuary)  
Youth Group (Youth Bldg.)

7:45 pm - Choir / Cantata Practice

## Church Christmas Dinner

*Wednesday, December 14*  
*5:30 pm*  
*Camp Bethel*

*appetizers,  
dinner*



*music,  
games*

**DEC. 8**

**4:00 - 7:30pm**

Susan Mullins (art teacher, photographer) is offering painting sessions for adults 1 to 2 times a month in the Fellowship Hall at WBC. If you are interested in participating, contact Susan at 276- 219-2176.

PAINTING

## "The Heart of Christmas: Remembering Why We Celebrate"

Family Event  
Sat. December 10  
Camp Bethel  
Drop in 6-10pm



*Christmas story, live music,  
cookie decorating,  
crafts, cocoa, local makers,  
community choir 7-8pm*

  
*Our Awesome  
Opportunity  
and  
Responsibility*

Nothing satisfies the heart like loving and serving God, even through our stewardship of Wise Baptist Church.

Your tithes and offerings allow our Church and its programs to be more effective. Through an effective Church, lives are changed. We are thankful for all the joyful stewards of God's work at Wise Baptist Church.

For those who cannot physically attend Sunday morning worship services in the sanctuary, your tithes and offerings may still be mailed to Wise Baptist Church, PO Box 777, Wise VA 24293, or brought by the Church anytime during open hours.

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Gen 2:15)*

## MUSIC, YOUTH, CHILDREN



### *Happy Birthday!*

December 7	Brittany Criswell
December 9	Robert Baird
December 10	Penny Greenwood
December 11	Jessica Crutchfield
December 13	Damel Calvert
December 14	Jim Sturgill
December 15	Wesley Kennedy



### *WBC Music Ministry*

Preparing for Christmas! What is at the top of your list? Food, presents, decorating? Let us all take the time during this busy holiday season and PREPARE for CHRIST. Put your heart and mind in a place where the busyness of this world does not discount that your CHRIST came to this earth and should be what is celebrated. Our earthly celebrations, including preparing for our Christmas cantata, going to holiday parties, buying and wrapping presents for our children and family should dim in the presence and celebration of the one true Savior, Jesus Christ; He deserves our time, our attention and devotion. Let's all purposefully set our sights on our Lord Jesus Christ during HIS season and celebrate His birth and His second coming as best we can.

~ Peace and love, Donna

### *Happy Anniversary!*

December 7	John & Karen Ponish
December 11	John Mark & Wendy Adrian

## Flock News

Each week...

Wed. - 7pm  
Youth Gathering at  
Youth Building

Youth Leaders...

Lloyd & Carlie  
Tomlinson  
276-337-4997

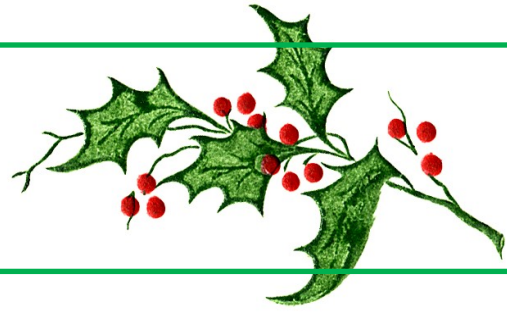


## DURING THE HOLIDAYS...

Remember our Wise  
County Food Bank &

**WBC Grab-n-Go Ministries!**  
Containers for nonperishable  
foods can be found in the hall  
by the elevator.

# December 2022



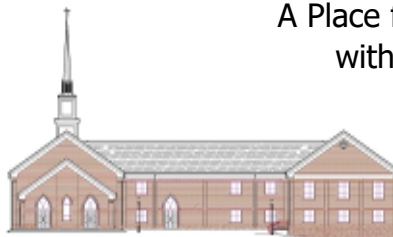
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>B</b> = Birthday <b>A</b> = Anniversary</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please call the church office at 276-328-6247</p>			<p>1 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B. Jeff Dotson B. Brenda Kunigelis</p>	<p>2</p> <p>B. Layla Grace Lyon B. Landon Tolbert</p>	<p>3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM</b> 5-7pm</p> </div> <p>B. Teresa Glines A. Cub &amp; Jennifer Mullins</p>
<p>4 8:30am - Deacons' mtg 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church - Communion 6:30pm - Movie/Popcorn</p> <p>B. Nathan Lee</p>	<p>5 Piecemakers 9:30am</p> <p>B. Heath Chisenhall B. Kevin Dotson</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 6pm - Fellowship Meal 7pm - Adult Bible Study, Youth meet 7:45pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>B. Brittany Criswell A. John &amp; Karen Ponish</p>	<p>8 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9</p> <p>B. Robert Baird</p>	<p>10</p> <p>B. Penny Greenwood</p>
<p>11 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church 6:30pm - Movie/Popcorn</p> <p>B. Jessica Crutchfield A. John Mark &amp; Wendy Adrian</p>	<p>12 Caring Friends, 9:30am</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B. Damel Calvert</p>	<p>14 5:30pm - Christmas Dinner at Camp Bethel</p> <p>B. Jim Sturgill</p>	<p>15 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30pm - Laurel's Ministry</p> <p>B. Wesley Kennedy</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>B. Bryan Crutchfield B. Marsha Tolbert</p>	<p>21 6pm - Pizza &amp; Caroling</p>	<p>22 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B. Phyllis Hatcher B. Dallas Kennedy B. Jon Kennedy</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B. Sherlene Hall</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion 11pm</p> <p>B. Jim Collie B. Carolyn Strouth B. William Sturgill B. Lois Tveit</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Christmas CANTATA 6:30pm</b></p> </div>						
<p>25 11am - Worship onsite/online - Jesse Tree - Children's Church</p> <p><i>Merry Christmas!</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>B. Linsay Allio B. Diana Roberts B. Miles Wampler</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B. Nova Greene</p>	<p>28 NO ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>29 6:30am - Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</p> <p>B. Pat Boggs</p>	<p>30</p> <p>B. Paul Maine B. Heather Lee</p>	<p>31</p> <p>B. Gabriella Collins</p>

## Volunteers this Week

Deacons On Call:	12/4 - 12/10	Butch Hutchinson, John Ponish
	12/11 - 12/17	Stan Kunigelis, John Mark Adrian
Building Stewards:		Ron Helton, Scott Snodgrass
Instrumentalists:		Susan Mullins, Susan Smith
Sound System:		Mike Osborne, Oscar Raile
Jesse Tree & Children's Church	12/11	Cyndi & Don Newlon
	12/18	Ann Wade, Sandy Yun
Offering Ushers	December	Ron Helton Team
	January	Jeff Dotson Team
Tellers:	December	Jeff Kiser
	January	Martha Blackburn, David Mullins
Wed. Night Meals:	12/7	Soups & Salads
	12/14	Christmas Dinner at Camp Bethel
Wed. Night Serving Teams:	12/7	Teresa Adkins, Martha Blackburn, Linda Burgess, Eileen Cantrell, Brenda Lee, Susan Smith
	12/14	No Serving Team necessary



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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship	11:00 pm
	Youth (Grades 7-12)	6:00 pm
	Sunday Night at the Movies	6:30 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd)	9:30 am
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th)	
	Learning to Read Music Class	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal (Sept. - May)	6:00 pm
	Bible Study onsite & via Fb Live	7:00 pm
	Youth meet (Grades 7-12)	7:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
	Laurels Ministry (3rd)	1:30pm

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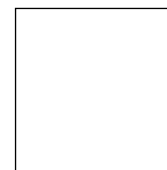
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and at Wise Baptist Youth

## Thought for the Week:

*Let resistance propel your  
faith to new heights!*